

## The Bloomfield Citizen.

WATSESSING AND FRANKLIN DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

## Watseissing.

Antonio Goldhardt is erecting a house on Lake street.

Hompson, Ellor & Co. are improving the exterior appearance of their factory. All services are being conducted at Meeting M. E. Church.

Salt Brook has received orders to lay gas mains in Lawrence street. A new engine has been placed in Prospect shop.

Rev. Dr. Thomas of Verona is expected to occupy the pulpit of the Watseissing M. E. Church to-morrow.

"Shove it—no wood—no coal" was the motto of the Active Hose Company's rooms.

Mr. Robert Mills accompanied his mother started for Florida Thursday. He expects to be absent all winter.

The residents of this vicinity were granted to a glimpse of the celebrated actress, Clara Morris, as she passed through here in a Pullman car on her way to New York.

The only democrat to be found in Watseissing since the recent election, is the one confined in a cage in the D. L. & W. depot, and his friends fear that he is developing a tendency to melancholia.

Mr. Joseph Bold secured \$19 0 on a note of 3 1/4 per cent at the meeting of the Essex County Building and Loan Association. This doubtless means a new home for Mr. Bold.

Mr. John Hyde brought his prize home on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Hyde says it is well enough for people to talk about luck, he relies on a steady hand and a true eye.

The erection of the new hydrant in Wilson street, the prospective gas lamps on Lawrence and Prospect streets, are matters that raise Mr. F. S. Benson in the estimation of the people of this district.

Mr. John Hyde was the fortunate winner of the second prize, an \$18 parlor sofa, last Monday at the target exercises. Mr. Arthur Ellor secured a ton of coal toward house-keeping. He won the fourth prize.

A considerable complaint has been made of late about the gang of boys who congregate nightly in the vicinity of the D. L. & W. depot. Loud swearing and indecent language are indulged in. Some steps will soon be taken to check this nuisance.

In apparent favor, sometimes unavoidably bestowed, cause a considerable individual jealousy in the neighborhood in which they occur. Three members of one of the prominent banking firms in this district whose business relations are cordial were much anxious to have a gas lamp in front of their house. Only one of them was fortunate enough to get it, and he now twists the others over his superior political pull.

The necessity of a post office is still an important topic of conversation among the enterprising residents of this community. There is no doubt that if a Republican administration were now in power Watseissing would have a post office. What is the matter with our Democratic friends that they fail to seize the opportunity to perpetuate a feeling of everlasting gratitude towards their party among the people of Watseissing? There are a number of Democrats here whose influence would be powerful in securing to the place an office.

## Franklin District.

Chester Dunback is on night duty at the Italian rendezvous.

Boudinot James Bell was among the lucky ones last Monday.

Franklin Hose Company held a shooting tournament on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. J. L. Dodd and Mr. John Bland占据了 the top at the Morristown tournament.

The powder and shot wasted on the side of the hill by Chas. Briarley, James Smith and Louis Smith proved of no avail in the final trial.

Familiar faces are recognized among the finishers at Ellor, Bros. factory. The trial in trade is bringing the wannabes some gain.

The slate pipes of Dodd and Westcott streets have been connected and a gang of men are now clearing the long standing obstructions from those streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ellor are the happy possessors of a little girl. Mr. Ellor is more pleased over this event than would be over the election of a presidential candidate.

To prevent the good people of this village from taking cold owing to Mr. H. Butterworth, has had a number of ad rubbers which he will distribute.

The machinery is being put in the Industrial Works. The depreciation of machinery has rendered it necessary to have an officer on duty at the Disposal Works on Sundays.

Mr. C. H. Halfpenny and Dr. A. H. K. Ritter are two of the happiest men in the district. The result of the recent county election is the cause of this joy. They occasionally take the opportunity to meet in a sympathetic shake of the hand to their departed and mistaken friends.

The East Orange Town Committee at its last meeting received a communication from the Orange Cross-Town Railroad Company for a franchise. Representatives from the Edison Electric Light Company are also present seeking privileges. The committee have decided to grant no franchises to any corporation until it shall submit in writing a full statement of what it proposes.

The Fire Committee have purchased the lot on the corner of Franklin and Elm streets on which to erect a building for the new hose company.

On Monday the 14th inst. the members of the Prospect Hose Company to the number of twenty, in uniform, accompanied by a number of prominent citizens and preceded by the Pierson Post Drum Corps marched to Brick Church, where they were joined by the members of Ash-

land Hose Company. The combined companies boarded the 9:37 A. M. train for Morristown. On arriving at their destination they paraded through the streets of that quaint old town to the shooting ground on the outskirts of the city. About 100 marksmen amused themselves by trying to hit a target at a distance of 75 yards. About one-half of them succeeded. After the shooting the firemen and their guests visited the rooms of the several Morristown companies, the Washington Headquarters and various other places of interest. They arrived home about 8 P. M., after having spent what they termed a jolly day. The following members of Prospect Company won prizes: John Gurling, Joseph Lee, Roger Butterworth, John Krueger, P. Quincy and James Smith. Among the guests Alderman David Wilson, John Bland and Mr. Arcularius. William Cardwell, Dr. H. Van Riper, Joseph Ellor and Louis Smith drew blanks.

Alderman Wilson won a barrel of potatoes. Foreman Cardwell, realizing that he was competing against the alderman, got nervous. Joseph Ellor's mind was fixed on home. Louis Smith shut both eyes and let her go. Dr. A. H. Van Riper could not shoot for laughing.

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The Use of Artificial Limbs More General Than Most People Imagine.

Very few people have any idea of how wide is the presence of artificial limbs—legs more especially. Arms and hands, which trace their origin to art rather than nature, are sufficiently conspicuous; with legs it is different. An artificial hand will pass muster with the casual observer, but its existence cannot be concealed from persons who are at all intimate with its owner. On the other hand, a man with a wooden leg may go about with the help of a manufactured leg, and all that their acquaintances will think is that they are slightly lame, still the perfection to which the making of these legs has been brought helps to mankind has been brought.

A man can walk with an artificial leg almost as well as if he had never lost one of those with which nature provided him; he can sit naturally, and rise without apparent effort; all that is necessary is to get the limb from a good maker, and to practice its use diligently. There is nothing new about artificial limbs. The ancients made use of them, and attempted something more ambitious than mere stumps. It is only of recent years, however, that legs and arms have been turned out with really artistic skill. The construction of the best limbs is extremely simple; there is none of the complicated machinery which some years ago was introduced into these articles with a view to rendering them less conspicuous, but with the result that there was, almost invariably, a rattling noise that gave notice of the approach of a game leg. And this continual noise was not the only disadvantage attaching to these primitive pieces of machinery. They were, as was very natural, constantly out of order, and their behavior could never be relied upon. Though they might be trusted not to drag the huckless owners all over the world at whirlwind speed, in the fashion treated of in the old ballads they were very apt to go wrong at critical moments, and, cover with confusion, the persons whom they were supposed to assist.

Such unpleasant situations never nowadays occur with a well modeled and skilfully designed false leg. Springs are the only machinery used in its construction, and they are of a simple description. Legs are made of various materials, but the best of all is willow, and in this country it has been found that the willow trees which grow along the banks of the Kennet give wood that is superior to all others for this purpose. Leather, paper-mache, German silver and corrugated iron have all been given a trial, but none of them do as well as good willow wood. Cork, which is associated with artificial legs in the minds of most people, is of no use whatever. A good limb is a costly thing, but it wears well, provided that it is properly cared for. Persons who can afford it have a couple exactly alike, and once a year they make a change and send the one they have been wearing for the last twelve months to the maker, who overhauls it and executes any trifling repairs that may be necessary. By following this course, a pair of good legs may be made to last a lifetime.—London Standard.

**Building of Solomon's Temple.**  
Or the architecture of the Temple we know little, except its proportions, and that like most temples of antiquity, it was divided into three courts, called, in this case, the porch, the holy place and the holy of holies. It was extremely small, measuring only thirty-five feet in width, while the total length was only 165 feet, so that it is impossible to depend on it in golden walls and pillars, floor and ceiling, its precious jewels and the richness of the embroidered hangings that contained the sanctuary. And mingled with all this gold we read of brass, a compound that seems to have been scarcely less esteemed in those days, when the tin mines of Spain and Cornwall were among the recent discoveries of the Phoenicians, and the brass made at Tyre from the tin of Tarshish of Spain and the copper from Cyprus was still a fancy article, commanding a very high price.

The cost of this golden temple was defrayed by the monies left by the offerings of the people, but heavy taxes were levied to create funds for the palaces, towns and fortresses that arose in such ruinously rapid succession. No exchequer could long endure such a drain, no nation support so vast and sumptuous a court, without murmuring; and although we do not know what was the relative value of gold and of the commodities of life, the stress laid upon the fact that all the vessels in the holiest were of gold points to the conclusion in those days as it would be in our own.—Magazine of Art.

**Food of the Canary Islands.**  
A writer says that one of the first things to attract his notice in the Canary Islands was the healthful appearance and fine development of the common people. There is no doubt that they are by birth a sterner race, but it is also true that the climate, which, being highly nutritious, must contribute to their physical development.

There is nothing mysterious about this article, which is known as goito. It is simply the flour made from any of the cereals by parching or roasting before grinding. One can scarcely pass through any village of the Canaries without witnessing some step in the preparation of this food. The grain is first picked over, then roasted above a charcoal fire, and afterward ground at the windmills which abound everywhere. When it is to be eaten milk, soup or any other fluid is mixed with it, without further cooking.

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The Canarian laborer, if he goes forth to his work alone, takes with him some goito in a bag made from the stomach of a kid; if there are several persons the skin of a kid is used. When men have arrived a little water is poured into the bag with the goito, the mixture is well shaken, and the meal is prepared without further ado.—Popular Science Monthly.

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